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Week ending August 8, 2010

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 8, 2010**. The few rain showers that do fall on fields help, but conditions on non-irrigated crops have deteriorated to the point where producers can only hope to salvage their drought-stricken fields. Major harvesting has begun on corn, and peanuts are being dug out to dry. Reports of disease and insects damage are increasing. Soil moisture was rated 11 percent very short, 35 percent short, 51 adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending August 8, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	100	99	99	99
Corn, dent	94	90	93	91
Corn, mature	61	37	31	46
Corn, harvested	10	1	1	4
Corn Silage, harvested	66	50	58	72
Cotton, setting bolls	99	97	92	96
Cotton, open bolls	12	4	0	3
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	70	66	76	73
Peanuts, pegging	100	100	100	100
Rice, headed	95	87	69	81
Rice, mature	24	10	1	4
Rice, harvested	1	--	0	0
Sorghum, heading	100	100	100	99
Sorghum, coloring	80	65	51	74
Sorghum, mature	27	9	2	26
Soybeans, blooming	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, setting pods	94	89	93	95
Soybeans, turning color	25	9	14	27
Soybeans, dropping leaves	9	--	0	12
Watermelons, harvested	99	95	98	98

Crop condition for week ending August 8, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	6	17	32	37	8
Cotton	4	9	28	46	13
Hay	2	12	29	43	14
Livestock	2	7	30	50	11
Pasture	7	16	35	36	6
Peanuts	0	0	17	83	0
Rice	0	4	20	51	25
Sorghum	3	6	27	61	3
Soybeans	7	13	29	38	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	10	85	5

Comments

“For the most part, statewide thunderstorms and showers were absent in Bolivar County. Some places in the county got about half an inch of rain. Rice harvest has begun, but is not in full swing yet. Much of the corn and early soybeans are being cut.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Non-irrigated corn is drying down. We should start harvesting in two to three weeks. Scattered rain is helping the soybeans and cotton.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Pastures are looking good, but livestock are suffering from heat.”

— Michael B. Howell, Lee

“Corn harvest is moving along at a fast pace. Some non-irrigated soybeans are being harvested, and rice is also beginning to be harvested. Within the next two weeks harvest will be running at full speed except for cotton, and it will not be far behind.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“It looks like we are into another round with armyworms. They seem to be everywhere: hay fields, pastures, and even yards. High temperatures continue to dominate, forcing little outside activity unless it is completely necessary.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Some non-irrigated corn is being disked up because it has alfatoxin in it. Crops are maturing and corn is being harvested.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Some parts of the county got rain this week.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Many farmers are still spraying for armyworms. Outbreaks over the past seven days have increased, indicating fresh hatches. Sporadic rains over the past week have aided in crop development, yet there are still areas of the county that need more rain.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Extremely hot temperatures continue with a heat index around 105-115 degrees.”

— Shelaine Pennington, Prentiss

“Dry, hot weather continues to take its toll on man and crops. This area missed most of the scattered rain showers during the past week. Most irrigation on corn has been terminated with several soybean and rice farmers starting to terminate irrigation on those crops. Corn harvest is slowly moving forward with alfatoxin continuing to cause some concerns.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Rain continues to be localized, with some areas receiving more than needed while others remain relatively dry. In most cases, dry areas have been dry for several weeks while other areas have received enough rain. The rain pattern is very difficult to understand for farmers who have invested heavily in the crop.”

— Earnest. Flint, Attala

“Some areas of the county have received less than .10 inch rain in the last several weeks. Other areas have received several showers amounting to over two inches. Overall, soil moisture is short. What corn was in the county was lost due to extremely dry conditions.”

— Ann H. Davis, Wilkinson

“There has been some rain in the county this week; some of the grass is starting to turn green again.”

— Thomas Brewer, Jefferson Davis

“Dry weather conditions have influenced soil moisture. Additional rains needed.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Scattered showers are helping replenish moisture in some areas.”

— Wayne Porter, Lauderdale

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 8, 2010									
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	103	73	86	81	5	3.13	2.51	3	4.46
Cleveland	106	74	88	83	5	0.33	-0.30	2	0.64
Lambert 1W	106	74	90			0.12	-0.58	1	2.37
Tunica 2N	99	75	88	81	7	0.02	-0.57	1	3.20
Extreme/Average	106	73	88	82	6	0.90	0.27	2	2.67
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	103	73	87	80	7	1.40	0.73	1	2.48
Hickory Flat	100	70	84	79	5	0.01	-0.84	1	5.17
Holly Springs	101	70	85	79	6	0.00	-0.82	0	6.15
Independence	101	73	85	80	5	1.48	0.78	2	5.84
Oxford	102	74	87	80	7	0.37	-0.44	2	4.99
Water Valley	102	72	86	80	6	0.94	0.13	1	4.49
Extreme/Average	103	70	86	80	6	0.70	-0.07	1	4.85
Northeast									
Booneville	98	72	84	80	4	0.00	-0.78	0	5.73
Corinth 7SW	100	72	85	81	4	0.41	-0.32	1	5.08
Pontotoc Exp	100	73	86	81	5	0.63	-0.10	3	2.78
Tupelo 2	100	74	86			0.00	0.00	0	4.26
Verona	102	74	87	81	6	0.54	-0.24	1	6.91
Extreme/Average	102	72	86	80	6	0.32	-0.42	1	4.95
Lower Delta									
Greenville	104	74	89	82	7	0.00	-0.58	0	1.16
Moorhead	105	74	89	82	7	0.36	-0.31	2	1.39
Rolling Fork	103	71	88	82	6	0.01	-0.66	1	4.93
Yazoo City	106	76	90	82	8	0.21	-0.63	2	1.58
Extreme/Average	106	71	89	82	7	0.15	-0.55	1	3.16
Central									
Canton 4N	104	74	88	82	6	1.23	0.48	4	3.54
Carthage	100	73	86	81	5	0.30	-0.59	1	1.83
Forest 3S	101	72	86	80	6	0.13	-0.94	2	1.52
Kosciusko	98	74	86	81	5	2.31	1.36	1	7.32
Winona 5E	102	73	87	78	9	0.01	-0.75	1	1.96
Extreme/Average	104	72	86	81	5	0.80	-0.04	2	3.59
East-Central									
Aberdeen	100	74	87	80	7	0.00	-0.66	0	3.30
Columbus	105	74	88	82	6	0.20	-0.64	2	1.03
Macon	111	73	88	81	7	1.83	0.96	2	3.72
Philadelphia	101	72	88	81	7	0.26	-0.67	2	1.27
State University	104	74	89	81	8	0.16	-0.65	1	2.58
Extreme/Average	111	72	88	81	7	0.49	-0.31	1	2.38
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	101	73	86	81	5	1.29	0.29	3	2.40
Crystal Springs	103	73	89	82	7	0.83	0.05	1	5.36
Natchez	100	74	86	82	4	2.95	2.11	2	6.55
Port Gibson 1NE	103	74	87	80	7	0.74	0.01	1	2.54
Vicksburg	103	76	89			0.74	0.00	1	3.36
Woodville 4 ESE	101	73	86	82	4	0.95	-0.09	3	3.13
Extreme/Average	103	73	87	81	6	1.25	0.34	2	4.45
South-Central									
Collins	102	74	86	81	5	0.85	-0.11	2	1.85
Columbia	101	74	86	82	4	0.66	-0.44	2	3.39
Raleigh 6N	100	72	85			0.07	0.00	1	4.87
Tylertown	99	65	84	81	3	2.00	0.82	1	7.95
Extreme/Average	102	65	85	82	3	0.90	-0.17	2	3.37
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	100	73	86	82	4	2.76	1.59	5	5.12
Laurel	102	73	86	81	5	1.26	0.25	4	1.79
Newton Exp	105	72	88	81	7	0.66	-0.27	3	3.52
Waynesboro 2W	105	77	90	81	9	0.18	-0.66	2	4.07
Extreme/Average	105	72	87	81	6	1.22	0.26	4	3.63
State	111	65	87	81	6	0.79	-0.05	2	3.70

DFN = Departure from Normal.